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's heart...

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The carnival has come to town. Erminia sneaks out from the confines of the castle with the help of Yurias, and thereupon spends one dream-like night in the company of the beautifully costumed Fiona. However, a dark haired man Erminia meets brings dark clouds with him.

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YURIAS..!
YOU..!

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OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR ARE TEN LADY ATTENDANTS TAKING TURNS NOT SLEEPING, SO I BID YOU PLEASE LOWER YOUR VOICE.
I WAS SURE OUR HEADS WOULD ROLL THE MOMENT YOU YELLED... "WHO IS THERE!?"
AND SO I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO COVER YOUR MOUTH.
OBVIOUSLY. JUST WHERE DID YOU COME IN FROM?
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FOOLISH OF ME NOT TO CRY OUT.
INDEED, YOU WOULD HAVE ENDANGERED YOUR LIFE, AS I DID BY WAKING A PRINCESS WHO SLEEPS WITH A DAGGER UNDER HER PILLOW.

ERMINIA... LISTEN.
THE CARNIVAL HAS COME TO THE CITY OF PARO. THERE ARE FESTIVITIES TONIGHT
YOU HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN HERE AND KEPT UNINFORMED, B—
IF YOU—
IF YOU WILL SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO ME THAT YOU WILL RETURN HERE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT— IF YOU WILL PROTECT THAT PROMISE—
WHAT MATTER IS THAT TO ME, YURIAS?
THEN I CAN GO?

Shoujo Magic

I UNDER-STAND!
WHAT A GOOD FELLOW YOU ARE!
AT LAST, YOU HAVE BECOME HUMAN!
...
YURIAS!
LADY PRINCESS! I HEAR VOICES IN THERE!
KNOCK
KNOCK

SILENCE!! IF YOU COME IN, I WILL KILL YOU!
shudder
BUT WHY THE CHANGE OF HEART? YOU ARE THE ONE ALWAYS TELLING ME NOT TO BE RASH.
OH, YURIAS, HOW I LOVE YOU. YOU ARE THE BEST!

YES?
BE-
CAUSE
YOU, WHO ONCE RODE FREELY UPON A HORSE ACROSS THE GRASSLANDS, CONFINED IN HERE WITH ME IT IS AS POISON TO MY SOUL
BECAUSE, ERMINIA .. WHEN I SEE YOU...

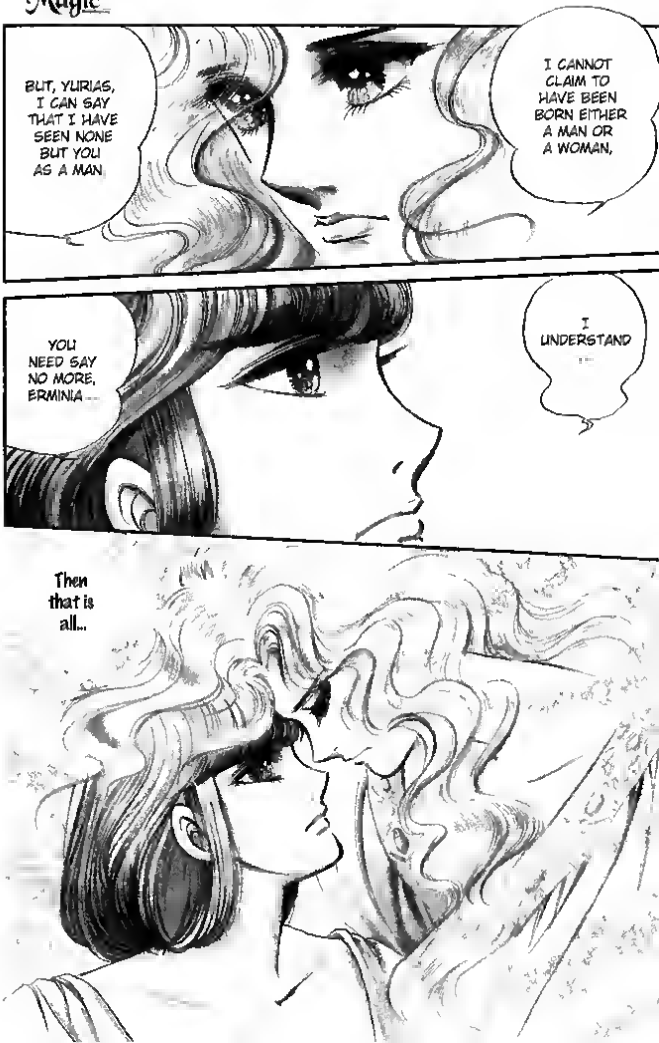
Shoujo Magic

YOU MAY ATTEND THE CARNIVAL, BUT WEAR A MASK AND DO NOT REMOVE IT AT ANY TIME.
UNDERSTOOD. YOU HAVE MY WORD.
SECOND, DO NOT BECOME UNNECESSARILY INVOLVED IN ANY DISTURBANCE.
...UNDERSTOOD. AND THIRD?
IF YOU DO NOT, IT WILL BE MY NECK ON THE LINE.
RETURN HERE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT.

I WILL REMAIN HERE IN YOUR PLACE,
UNTIL YOU RETURN...
YOU WILL NOT COME WITH ME, YURIAS?
IF YOU HAVE ANY DESIRE WHATSOEVER NOT TO SEE ME KILLED, THEN FOR TONIGHT ONLY I BEG THAT YOU KEEP YOUR WORD TO ME
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? IF YOU BREAK A SINGLE PROMISE, MY LIFE WILL BE NO MORE

I CAN TRUST YOU, RIGHT?
YURIAS...
..I swear on the soul of my deceased lady mother..
I will not allow any harm to befall you.

There are times when I mourn that I cannot love you as my husband..
Especially when you show such surpassing loyalty to me.


I CANNOT CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN BORN EITHER A MAN OR A WOMAN,
BUT, YURIAS, I CAN SAY THAT I HAVE SEEN NONE BUT YOU AS A MAN.
I UNDERSTAND...
YOU NEED SAY NO MORE, ERMINIA...
Then that is all...

ERMINIA, I HAVE BROUGHT A GIFT FOR YOUR ESCAPE TO THE CARNIVAL.
IT IS OUTSIDE THE WINDOW...
A GIFT?
OUTSIDE THE WINDOW?

Shoujo Magic

AFTER I ARRANGED THE NIGHT OFF FOR HER, SHE WAS ALL ALONE, TOO, SO..
YOUR PARTNER FOR THE EVENING. I COULD NOT VERY WELL HAVE YOU GO ALONE

I WOULD FEEL BAD IF I MADE YOU GO TO A FESTIVAL DRESSED IN ANYTHING LESS.
Your Majesty, Erminia...

DOES IT FLATTER ME, YURIAS?
Y-YES
Oh, gods... I can feel her warmth lingering on this night dress...
HOW NOW, FIONA! ARE YOU DRESSED?
LEAP

SHH! ERMINIA!!
Sorry..

Shy

I... I'M... NOT WORTHY OF WEARING A DRESS AS BEAUTIFUL AS THIS... I'M SO VERY...
YOU'RE SO VERY...
BEAUTIFUL AND WORTHY, FIONA.
WITH NO FURTHER ADO, LET US AWAY TO THE CARNIVAL, PRINCESS FIONA!
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA...

YOU WILL FIND HORSES WAITING AT THE NORTHERN GATE.
THE GATEKEEPER WILL AID YOU, BUT USE A MAN'S NAME ONCE YOU ARE OUTSIDE.
GOT IT!
I SHALL BRING A SOUVENIR BACK FOR YOU, YURIAS.
YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE.
I DO NOT WANT SOUVENIRS OR GRATITUDE!
I DESIRE ONLY THAT YOU KEEP YOUR WORD ..
I UNFAILINGLY SHALL

Erminia..
even if only
for tonight,
forget all that
troubles you.
This, at least,
is within my
power to do
for you.
return
safely...

ALL OF THIS... IS LIKE A DREAM...
WHAT IS THE MATTER, FIONA ?

THE CITY OF PARO!
Because there is no meaning to anything that happens in between these dreams.
This life——
You and I and everything, a dream.
Is not the carnival a dream——
Is not everything a dream——

UNCORK THE BARRELS!
AND DRAIN EVERY DROP OF WINE!
COME, COME, EAT UNTIL YOU CANNOT MOVE!
!
TONIGHT'S FOOD IS OF SUPREME QUALITY!
FIONA, LET US DRINK TO TONIGHT
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA...
SHH!
I... GO BY "ERIS" TONIGHT

YOUR MAJESTY... ERIS
HEY... WHERE DO YOU S'POSE THAT LADY HAILS FROM?
SUCH A LOVELY MAIDEN
OOH, THAT ONE WITH BLONDE HAIR
TEE-HEE! YOU'RE EYEING HIM, TOO?
HE'S SO HAND-SOME

Let us dance! Let us dance!
Tonight is the carnival of Paro!
Let us grow drunk on passionate gazes!
Amidst twirling skirts and flowers

Shoujo Magic

CHILL
Clare
AHH!
OUT OF MY WAY!

BERRY WINE FOR FIONA...
AND HONEY WINE FOR ME

SO LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE MY LAST CHEERFUL RUCKUS.
AAH—— HOW EXHAUSTED I FEEL
.. I WOULD BE SO HAPPY IF I COULD JUST DIE RIGHT NOW.
EVERYTHING IS SO LIKE A DREAM...
ARE YOU HAVING FUN, FIONA?

Shoujo Magic

I WANT ONLY NOW TO SLIP INTO DEATH BEFORE WAKING
TO BE HONORED WITH DANCING IN YOUR ARMS, TO WEAR THIS GORGEOUS DRESS..
FIONA
A TIME MAY EVEN COME WHEN WE CAN MEET AGAIN IN THIS WAY
LIFE AFTER THIS WILL NOT BE ALL BAD

You say that because.. you do not know the despair I felt when I was demoted to service in the kitchens...
I hold out no hope of seeing you again..!
BUT...
...I WANT TO DIE WHILE HAVING A PLEASANT DREAM.
YOU MUST NOT THINK THAT WAY!
FIONA!

ARE NONE OF YOUR DREAMS SUCH THAT YOU WOULD CONTINUE LIVING SO YOU MIGHT REALIZE THEM?
THE DREAMS YOU SPEAK OF ARE NAUGHT BUT EPHEMERAL ILLUSIONS INSIDE OUR SLEEP
I HAVE SUCH A DREAM.
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO SHARE IT WITH YOU, FIONA
YOUR MAJESTY ERMI-ERIS...
I— WANT TO GO ON A JOURNEY.

I WISH TO SEE AND KNOW OF ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD.
I WANT TO CIRCLE THE GLOBE AT LE..ST ONCE.
DO YOU THINK ME SILLY, FIONA?
NO, WHY WOULD I THINK THAT—
YOUR EYES SHINE AS YOU SPEAK, AS THOUGH IT WERE THE GRANDEST THING IN THE WORLD.
YES! I DO BELIEVE IT IS GRAND.
TO JOURNEY THE EARTH AND WITNESS ITS BREADTH— AND THEN I WILL KNOW.
I AM ASKED TO BELIEVE THAT NOTHING BUT SMALL AND TRANSIENT
MARRIAGES AND OTHER SUCH INSIGNIFICANT TRIVIALITIES.

IF IT'S POSSIBLE, THEN TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH AND AS FAR AS EVEN THE MOON...
YOU'LL GO FAR AWAY AND MAKE DISCOVERIES...
YES, FIONA! YOU DO UNDERSTAND ME!
Y- YOUR MAJESTY ERIS!
F- FORGIVE ME. FORCE OF HABIT...

Shoujo Magic

I AM SO HAPPY. YOU ARE THE ONE PERSON APART FROM YURIAS WHO HAS TAKEN MY DREAM SERIOUSLY...
SIR YURIAS ...
THAT MAN SEEMS TO LOVE YOU DEEPLY, YOUR MAJESTY ER-... ERIS.
YURIAS?
YES, HE AND I HAVE BEEN RAISED TOGETHER LIKE SIBLINGS.
ERIS—— YOUR MAJESTY, YOU'LL NATURALLY BE GETTING MARRIED, WON'T YOU?
EVERYONE SAYS SO
I SHALL DO NOTHING OF THE SORT
DO YOU THINK IF I DESIRE TO TRAVEL THE WORLD, THAT I WILL ANCHOR MYSELF WITH SUCH A BALL AND CHAIN?

BUT NEVER MIND THAT, FIONA. TELL ME INSTEAD YOUR DREAM.
YOU HAVE ONE, RIGHT? SOMETHING ...
...MY DREAM.
HAS ALREADY COME TRUE
THE DREAM THAT KEPT ME GOING
IN WHICH I COULD MEET MY PRINCE JUST ONCE MORE...
MEANING, YOU FOUND YOUR PRINCE?
WHO IS HE?

ME?
THERE IS NOTHING MORE THAT I DESIRE FROM THIS LIFE
THAT IS WHY I'VE SAID I'M READY TO DIE NOW
You see me as your prince? There is nothing more that you desire?
How sweet and pathetic you are!
Fiona..
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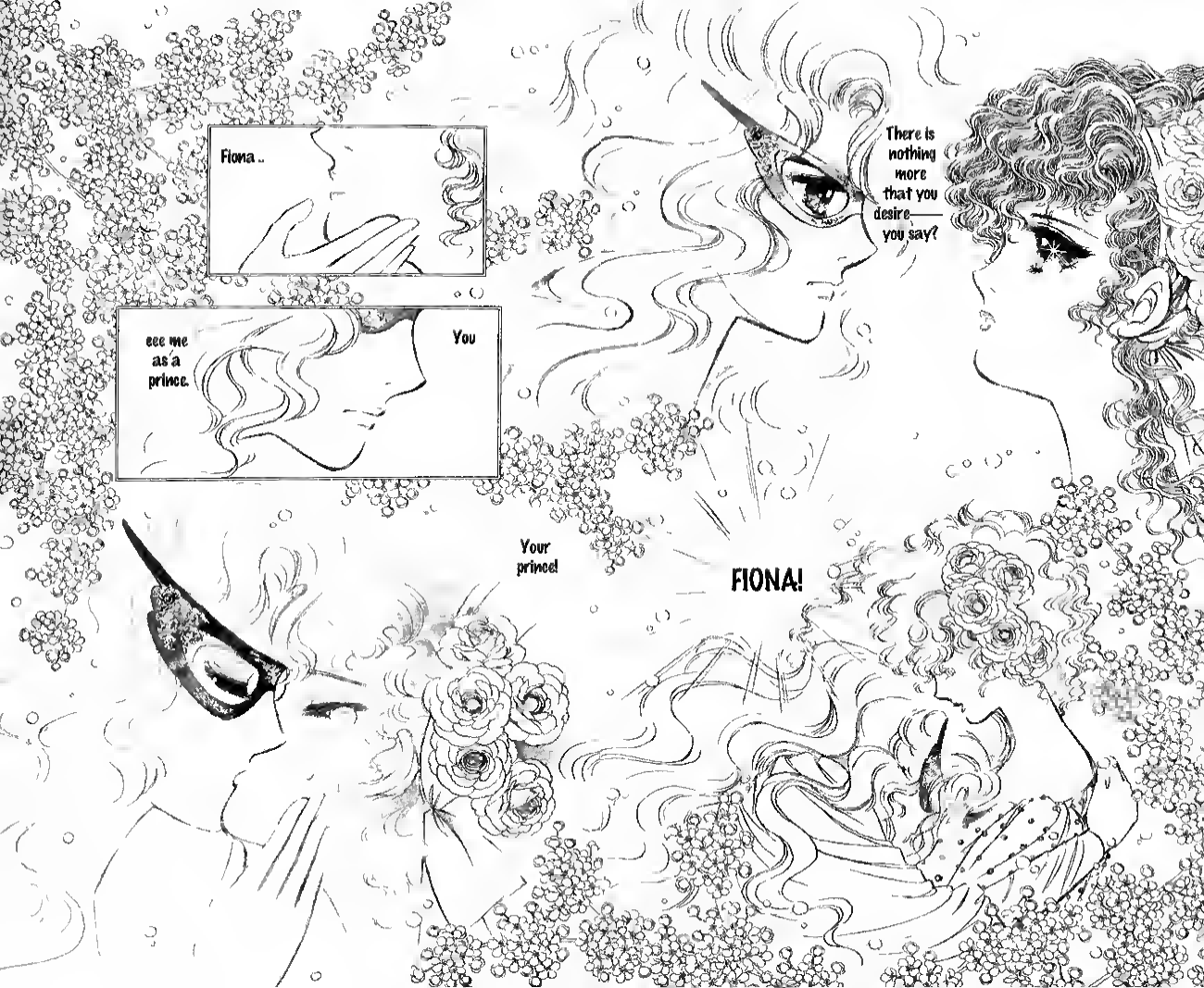
Fiona..
You see me as a prince.
There is nothing more that you desire—— you say?
Your prince!
FIONA!

WHO APPROACHES! STATE YOUR BUSINESS!
My darling, precious Fiona——!

ALTHOUGH THIS IS A PUBLIC PLACE AND I BELIEVE I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO PASS THROUGH.
YOU MUST EXCUSE ME.
...CTUALLY, I DO HAVE SOME BUSINESS.
THEN PASS THROUGH QUICKLY AND BE GONE WITH YOU!
HMPH
YOU DO NOT, SIR, FOR I DO NOT KNOW YOU.

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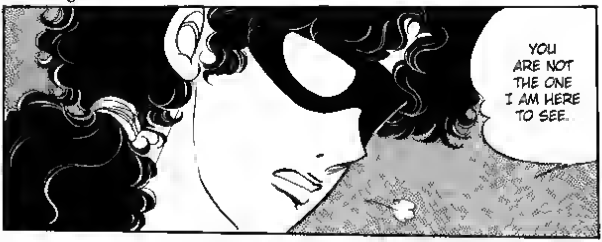

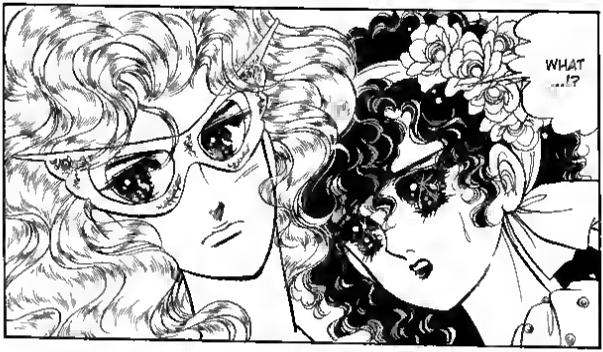

Is this insolent fool... of a mind to rouse my anger!?

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WHO IS HE!?

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YOU ARE A FOREIGNER
I FORGIVE YOUR RUDENESS, BUT IN PAROS IT IS NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE A COURTED LADY.
HURRY AND GO NOW.
I REFUSE
I WANT TO DANCE WITH HER NO MATTER WHAT

IF YOU WISH TO DRAW YOUR SWORD, I WILL GLADLY ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!
YOU MUST NOT!
YOU MUST NOT BREAK YOUR PROMISE TO SIR YURIAS!

Clash
WE SHALL GIVE IT A TRY!
INTERESTING. YOU THINK YOU CAN SAVE YOUR LADY WITH A DAGGER.
FWIP
I CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR DAGGER
I SEE YOU ARE RATHER SKILLED
PLEASE!
YOU MUSTN'T! PLEASE STOP!

FWIP
Ohh!
I WILL NOT BREAK MY PROMISE TO YURIAS. SO DON'T WORRY!
FIONA! STAND BACK OR YOU WILL GET HURT!
SLASH

Clash Clang
Clash
Strong strong
URG!
IF YOU'D TRAINED MORE SERIOUSLY YOU'D HAVE BEEN A FINE KNIGHT. BUT YOUR ARMS ARE A BIT WEAK...
OF COURSE I AM A WOMAN AFTER ALL ' TO AN EXTENT
Wobble

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THERE WAS SUCH A SKINNY, WHITE YOUNG LAD WITH A PRETTY GIRL,
THERE CERTAINLY IS A SKILLED FIGHTER IN PAROS.
I GIVE UP.
IT'S A CARNIVAL NIGHT.. I DON'T PLAN ON DRAWING BLOOD! LEAVE QUICKLY.
YOU HAVE QUITE A SKILL. I REALLY DID SOBER UP
THAT I COULDN'T HELP BUT TEASE TO SOBER UP... SORRY.
Perhaps he is not so bad after all..
This man... is an unexpectedly good loser..

YOU... WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?
EAST.
EAST... IS IT FAR FROM HERE?
ABOUT TWELVE MONTHS BY SHIP, PLUS TEN DAYS ON HORSE...
BY SHIP... ARE YOU A SAILOR?
How lucky!
I SAIL AND RIDE HORSES... I FIRST WENT ON A SHIP AT AROUND SIXTEEN...

I TRAVELED AROUND THE WORLD,
AND SAW MANY STRANGE THINGS..
THOUGH I AM STILL YOUNG, I FEEL I KNOW EVERYTHING.

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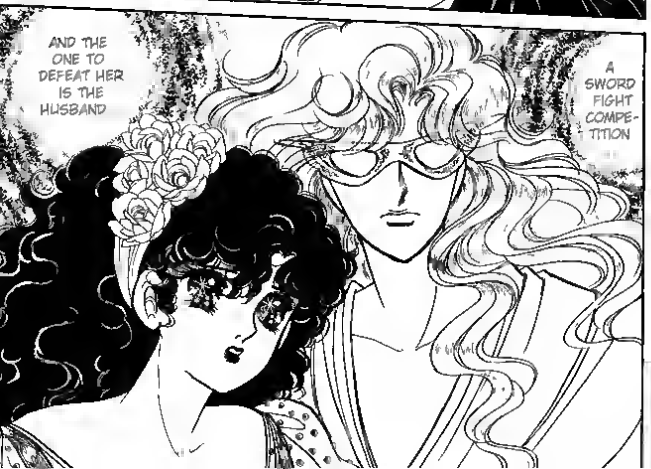
YOU ARE LUCKY
MY LIFELONG DREAM IS ALSO TO TRAVEL
WITH SUCH A PRETTY LADY BY YOUR SIDE, YOU COULD HARDLY GO
YOU TWO ARE GOING TO MARRY, RIGHT?
IF ONLY THAT WERE POSSIBLE ...
IS THERE A CONFLICT?

THIS LADY IS AN ARISTOCRAT
BECAUSE OF THE CARNIVAL, I HAVE FINALLY MANAGED TO GET HER OUT TO SEE ME
IN SEVEN DAYS' TIME, SHE MUST CHOOSE A HUSBAND AMONG THOSE OF HER OWN STATUS
YOU'RE NOT AN ARISTOCRAT?
I AM NOT OF A STATUS HER PARENTS WOULD APPROVE OF
Ahe na na na na na na
Bwa na na na na na
THAT'S ALL? HOW SILLY!

I AM SERIOUSLY TROUBLED.
DON'T MAKE FUN OF US!
Hen Hen
THAT, HEHE,
CAN EASILY BE SOLVED.
HOW?
EASILY... SOLVED..? WHAT...
A SKILLED KNIGHT LIKE YOU SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM YOUR LADY NEED ONLY PERSUADE HER PARENTS TO HOLD A SWORD FIGHT COMPETITION.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT PAROS, BUT IN THE EAST, THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENS OFTEN.

IF THE LADY CAN USE A SWORD, THEN IT'S WHOEVER C..N DEFE..T HER...
IF SHE CANNOT, THEN WHOEVER IS THE CH..MPION WILL BE HER HUSBAND.

A SKILLED KNIGHT LIKE YOU WOULD EASILY WIN AND BE GIVEN HER PARENTS' OFFICIAL APPROVAL
THE POWER OF LOVE IS GREAT. IT USUALLY WORKS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE ONE WHO LOVES HER MOST WINS..


A SWORD FIGHT COMPE-TITION
AND THE ONE TO DEFEAT HER IS THE HUSBAND

Erminia...

It is almost midnight, Erminia...
There is no way Erminia can break our promise.
A promise she vowed over her mother's name.
CLICK

Erminia...
Poor Erminia...
As she so claims she was mistakenly born in a woman's body with a man's heart—

If only she had been born a man, what a grand King she would have made...
Poor, poor Erminia...
I as well would not have to suffer this heartbreak...
Poor Erminia...

WHAT A MOONLIT NIGHT...!
LOOK FIONA. IT'S AS IF IT'S A DIFFERENT WORLD THAN THE DAY.
HOW MYSTERIOUS, IT SEEMS AS IF THERE ARE MONSTERS HIDING OUT THERE

THE CITY OF PAROS DOES NOT SLEEP YET...
THE WIND CARRIES THE MUSIC...
I WILL NEVER FORGET.
THE CARNIVAL, THE MUSIC, THE DANCING.
EVERYONE KEEPS ON DANCING 'TILL DAWN BECAUSE IT IS TOO GOOD TO END.

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IS THERE SOMETHING SAD...?
FIONA, ARE YOU CRYING?
NO... IT'S NOTHING.
BUT... WE WILL SOON REACH THE PALACE.
IT WAS SO . EVERYTHING WAS TOO WONDERFUL
TELL ME, FIONA...
THEN THE DREAM WILL END...

Fiona is only a maid.. and I..
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA!?
LET US GO SOMEPLACE! WE SHALL RUN AWAY SOMEWHERE!

Neeigh
THE TWO OF US CAN GO SOMEPLACE AND LIVE QUIETLY...
IF YOU DO NOT WANT THIS DREAM TO END, WHY CAN'T WE KEEP IT?
I HAVE NO ATTACHMENT TO THE PALACE!

SUFFER? WHY WOULD I DO THAT?
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA!! WE MUST NOT PLEASE... PLEASE DO NOT MAKE FIONA SUFFER

I... YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA, I...
IF IF YOU DO SUCH A THING,
IT WOULD CAUSE CHAOS.
IF WE ARE DISCOVERED AND TAKEN BACK, FIONA WOULD BE BURNED AT THE STAKE.
IF THAT HAPPENS I WILL THREATEN TO PIERCE MY THROAT AND DIE.
YOU! PROMISED, YET...
BUT WHAT OF YOUR PROMISE WITH SIR YURIAS?

HE WILL BE BURNED AT THE STAKE OR AT BEST, LOCKED UP FOR LIFE IN THE LANDSBAIR TOWER.
IF IT BE KNOWN THAT SIR YURIAS HELPED, THEN HE WILL SURELY BE DRAGGED ABOUT AND BRANDED A TRAITOR,
AND BE TORTURED!!!
YURIAS. I HAD NOT THOUGHT ABOUT HIM...
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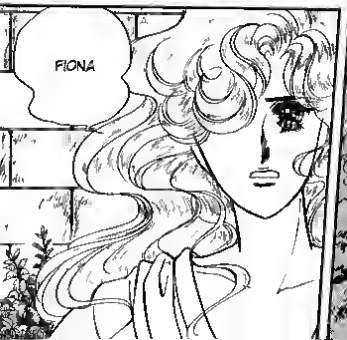
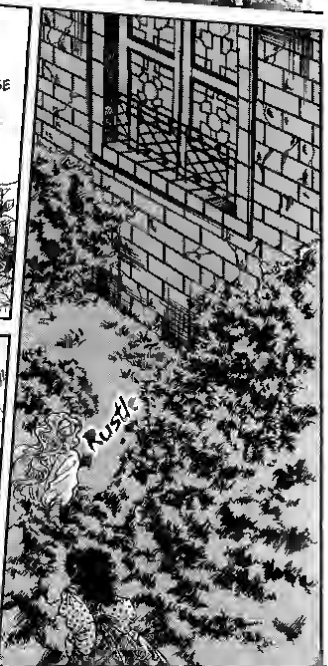
What will happen to Yurias...?

I WILL RETURN THIS DRESS. IF YOU COULD PLEASE WAIT FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE...


FIONA


Rust!

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
I MAY HAVE DONE A HORRIBLE THING TO YOU..
MADE YOU DREAM..
MADE YOU WEAR A BEAUTIFUL DRESS,
ON A WHIM, I STIRRED UP YOUR FEELINGS,
FOR THE FIRST TIME I UNDERSTAND YURIAS WORDS..
I'D BEEN TOLD BY HIM TO STAY AWAY FROM YOU
HE SAID THAT IT MAY BE WHIMSICAL FOR ME, BUT TO YOU IT WOULD CAUSE GREAT TROUBLE-

NO!
IF I HADN'T DONE SUCH A THING YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN PUNISHED OR ESTRANGED, AND...
I SAW A DREAM MUCH MORE FORTUNATE THAN TO HAVE A LIFE WITHOUT DREAMS-
AND YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA TAUGHT ME HERSELF THE IMPORTANCE OF DREAMS
IF YOU SAY SUCH THINGS, IT WILL SADDEN FIONA
FIONA— YOU ARE A FINE GIRL!
A TRULY FINE GIRL...

I— THIS DRESS, I—
SWISH
DROP
……
THANK YOU FOR LENDING ME YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA'S DRESS.
I WILL NEVER FORGET TONIGHT…
…

I WILL GIVE YOU THAT DRESS
AND IF THERE IS ANOTHER CHANCE... WEAR IF FOR ME AGAIN.
YOU LOOKED... BEAUTIFUL IN THE DRESS.
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA...
WHY.. WHY ARE YOU SO GOOD TO ME!?
IT IS A SIN...
IT IS ALMOST TOO MUCH FOR ME TO SIMPLY BE BY YOUR SIDE AND TALK TO YOU.
AND THIS... THIS...!!
YOU ASK WHY!?
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND FIONA? REALLY!?

THE DAUGHTER OF A KING?
THE SMALL PRINCE IN YOUR DREAM?
A MAN?
A WOM-AN?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME?
HOW DO I LOOK IN YOUR EYES?

FIONA!
WHY DO YOU AVERT MY EYES? ARE YOU ANGRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT THE FOUNTAIN?
I DO NOT KNOW, I DO NOT KNOW...
GRAB
Y-YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA!
... N-NO ...
THE FOUNTAIN !
Shoujo Magic

NOT ONCE DID I THINK OF MYSELF AS A WOMAN.
Y-YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA..
NOT KNOWING WHERE I BELONGED, WONDERING WHY I WAS BORN IN SUCH A CURSED WAY, I HAVE WANDERED ALL MY LIFE
FIONA, I LOVE YOU ONLY YOU CAN LOOK THROUGH MY FAULTED APPEARANCE AND LOVE MY SOUL AND SPIRIT!

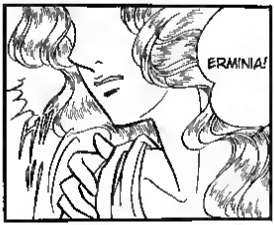
Shoujo Magic

THIS IS NEITHER A JOKE NOR A TEASE!
I AM SERIOUS FIONA !
I WILL SURELY TAKE YOU EVEN IF YOU REFUSE.
WHEN I LEAVE THIS KINGDOM FOR THE WORLD,
IF I AM EVER ALLOWED,
REMEMBER MY VOW FIONA.
IF GOD AND PEOPLE ALLOW IT, I WILL REINCARNATE INTO A REAL MAN, AND COME TO STEAL YOU AWAY.

like a..
You are like a...
silver fire!
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA!
CLATTER

TURN

IT'S LATE ...
I'M SORRY! I WORRIED YOU.
IS IT PAST MIDNIGHT ALREADY?
NEVER-MIND THAT... COME UP QUICKLY!


ERMINIA!

I'M GLAD.
IT WAS FUN. THANKS TO YOU, IT WAS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE

ERMINIA-!

AM I NOT GOOD ENOUGH ..!
ERMINIA...
ERMINIA...
YURIAS...
HOW ODD.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THIS?

I WANT TO MAKE YOU MINE, ERMINIA!
IF ONLY YOU COULD SOMEHOW GET BACK YOUR WOMAN'S HEART, HOW HAPPY I WOULD BE!
I AM A MAN.
IN BOTH SPIRIT AND SOUL, EXCEPT FOR THIS BOTHERSOME APPEARANCE.
ERMINIA!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING... WITH FIONA UNDER THE WINDOW?

CAN YOU SWEAR TO GOD?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
I CAN SWEAR TO ALL THE GODS IN THIS WORLD.
YOU WERE WATCHING..?
SO THAT'S WHY...
SARIA, THE GODDESS OF LOVE, PLAYS SUCH CRUEL JOKES!
ERMINIA!
THE ONLY ONE MY SOUL HARMONIZES WITH IS FIONA
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN MEN. PLEASE UNDERSTAND, YURIAS.

THE PRINCESS OF PAROS, WITH WORDS THAT WILL DESTROY PAROS!
YOU ARE SAYING TERRIFYING THINGS NOW, ERMINA!
YURIAS?
LEAVE NOW, YURIAS.
I WILL FORGIVE THIS INSULT OWING TO THE WONDERFUL NIGHT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME.
WHY WOULD MY LOVE DESTROY PAROS?
STOP BLABBERING NONSENSE.

BETTER LEFT UNKNOWN.. OR BETTER TO KNOW...
YET... TO LET IT BE...
YURIAS?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY?
SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS-

I KNOW THE SAYING.
THE MYSTERIOUS SAYING OF THE SWORD OF PAROS...
HEIR AFTER HEIR, THE ONE TO RULE PAROS RECEIVES AND PROTECTS THE GREAT TREASURE... IF IT IS LOST, THEN PAROS TOO WILL BE LOST.
EVENTUALLY I AM ALSO TO RECEIVE IT AND RULE.
HENCE PAROS IS CALLED THE KINGDOM OF THE SWORD.
THE SWORD EXISTS AND ALSO DOES NOT THE TRUE SWORD OF PAROS.
WHEN THE CHOSEN KNIGHT TOUCHES IT,
THAT IS THE OFFICIAL LEGEND.
WHAT THE MASS SAY IS THAT,

That is when the sword of Paros becomes a great treasure.
However if anyone other than the chosen touches it, Paros will be destroyed.
THIS CHOSEN KNIGHT OF PAROS...
YURIAS, WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO SAY?
I KNOW THAT, TOO...

Is both man and woman.
And the one to lead Paros to its destruction is neither man nor woman-
I WHICH ONE AM I!? YURIAS!

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Magic?
's heart...

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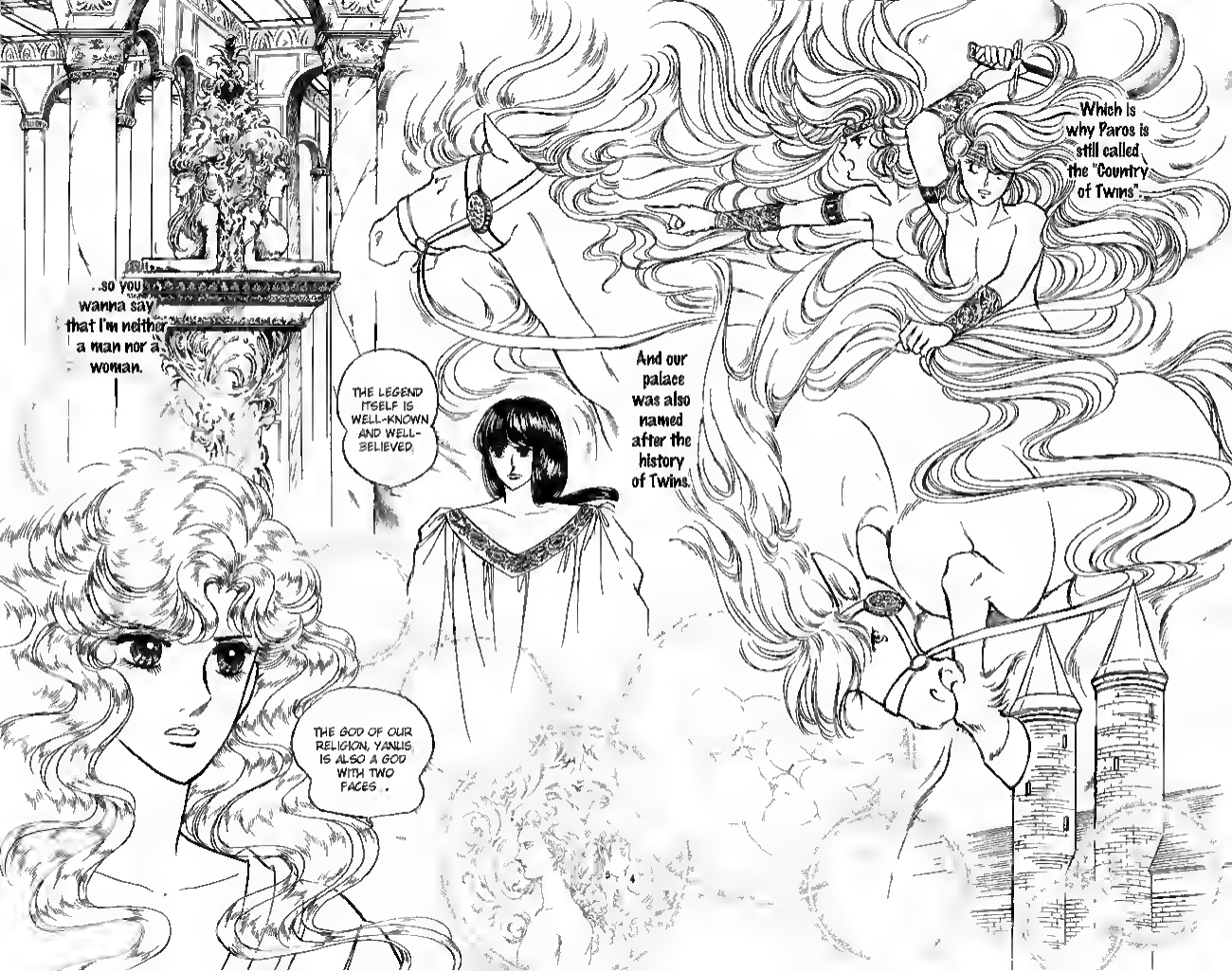
WHICH TITLE DO YOU THINK I BELONG TO?
ANSWER ME, YURIAS!
.....
AND THE COUNTRY WAS LED BY TWINS IN ALL THREE CASES. A SISTER AND A BROTHER AS LEADERS OF PAROS!
THERE WERE THREE TIMES WHEN PAROS HAD REACHED ITS PEAK OF GLORY...
I KNOW THAT!


..so you wanna say that I'm neither a man nor a woman.
THE LEGEND ITSELF IS WELL-KNOWN AND WELL-BELIEVED.
THE GOD OF OUR RELIGION, YANUS IS ALSO A GOD WITH TWO FACES.
And our palace was also named after the history of Twins.
Which is why Paros is still called the "Country of Twins".

THAT'S NOT IT! MAYBE PAROS CAN REACH THE TOP AGAIN BECAUSE OF YOUR DOUBLE PERSONALITY.
...OR MAYBE NOT.
IT'S JUST THAT FOR THOSE WHO KNOW ABOUT THE OLD LEGEND,

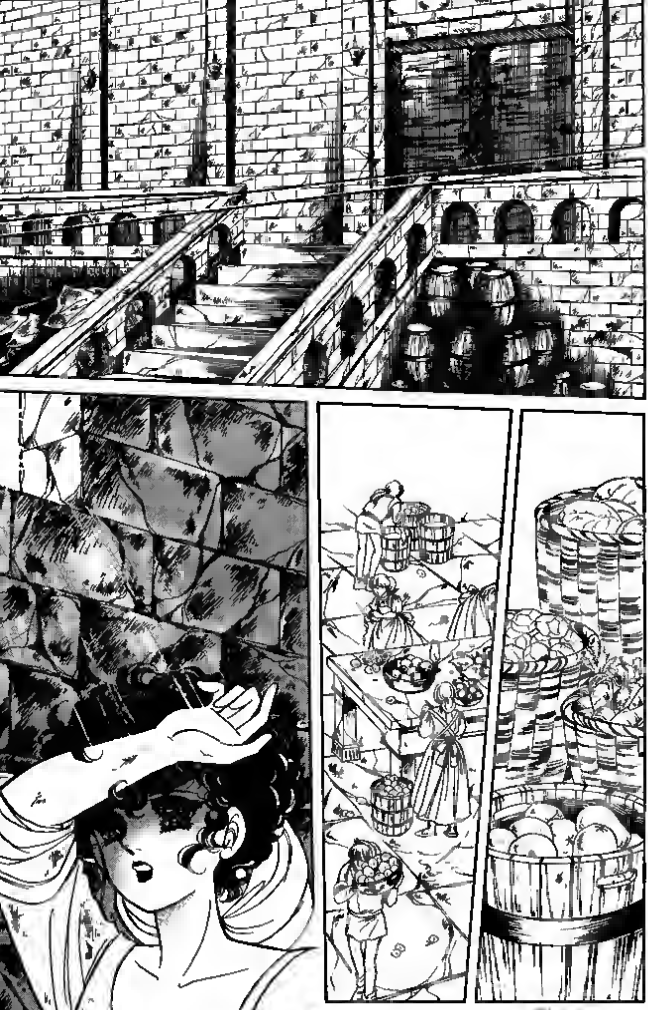
ERMINIA, DO YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE SWORD OF PAROS AS OF NOW?
THEY ARE ALL JUDGING YOU FROM AFAR TO FIND OUT WHETHER YOU RE THE AMBASSADOR FROM HEAVEN OR THE DEVIL THAT'D RUIN THE COUNTRY...

FINE
.....
WHEN THE TIME COMES, I'D BE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE
IT'S SOMETHING I'LL HAVE TO DO ANYWAYS AT THE CROWN CEREMONY

Which is why you have the heart of a man and the body of a woman.
Rumors say that in the beginning, a pair of twins was supposed to be born
Yet you came out of your mother's womb as one due to some strange reasons.
You're either the one who will bring eternal glory to Paros,
Or you might be the one who will bring Paros to its end...

So there was a legend like that..?
I didn't know—

I'LL BE IN THE PALACE OBEDIENTLY FOR A GOOD WHILE
I SEE. YOU CAN STOP WORRYING FOR ME
YOU... HAVE CHANGED DRASTICALLY IN RECENT DAYS
AND YOU'RE GETTING MORE AND MORE STUBBORN ABOUT YOURSELF TOO.
ERMINIA?
Your words are strongly screened in my mind..
Man from the East
THAT REALLY WORRIES ME!



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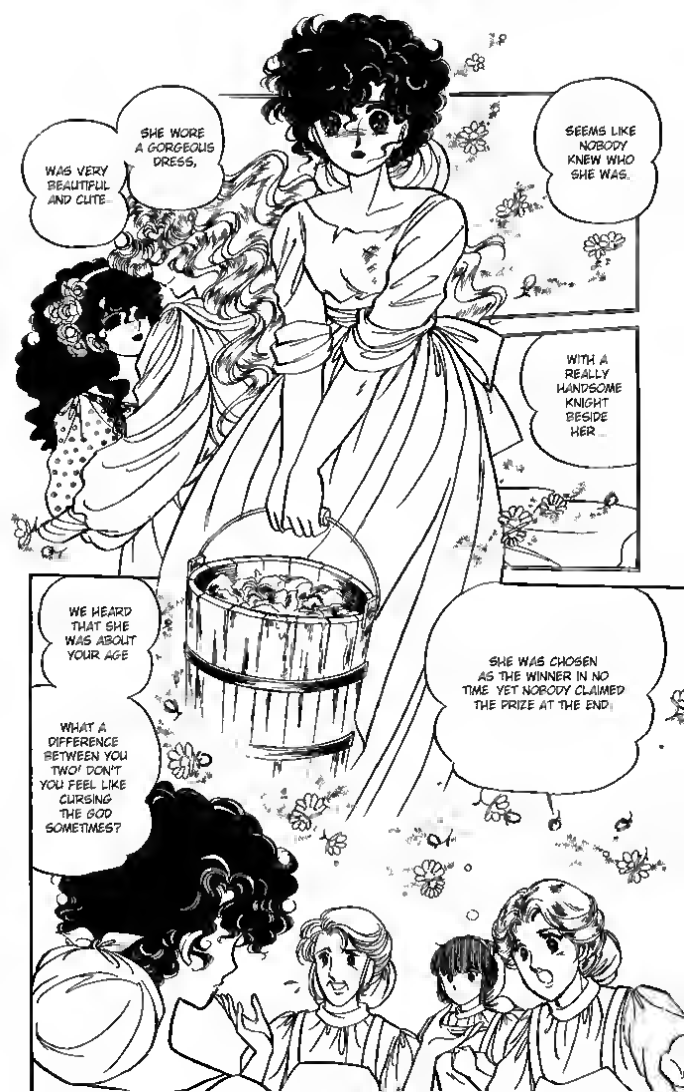
FIONA! YOU'RE DAZING OFF AGAIN!
HURRY AND CLEAN UP!
THROW THIS AWAY NOW! DON'T YOU SLACK OFF AGAIN!
slap
WHAT A CLUMSY GIRL!

I KNOW, AND IT WAS SUCH A PRETTY DRESS —
HANS SAID THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN A PRINCESS FROM SOME FAR-OFF PLACE.
AND SHE MUST BE A REALLY HIGH-CLASS PRINCESS TOO!
OR PEOPLE WOULD AT LEAST KNOW WHO SHE WAS
AND I HEARD THAT SHE WAS WITH A HANDSOME KNIGHT TOO!
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A WOMAN LIKE US
I GUESS WE CAN'T HELP BEING DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER—
HEY FIONA, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT ROSE PRINCESS WHO GOT THE TOP PRIZE AT THE CARNAVAL?
EH...? NO—


SHE WORE A GORGEOUS DRESS,
WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL AND CUTE
SEEMS LIKE NOBODY KNEW WHO SHE WAS.
WITH A REALLY HANDSOME KNIGHT BESIDE HER
WE HEARD THAT SHE WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE
WHAT A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU TWO! DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE CURSING THE GOD SOMETIMES?
SHE WAS CHOSEN AS THE WINNER IN NO TIME. YET NOBODY CLAIMED THE PRIZE AT THE END.

UMM...
EH...
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D UNDERSTAND WHAT A NICE DRESS IS
YEP YEP, SHE'S NEVER EVEN LIVED ABOVE THE POVERTY LINE
I KNOW, SHE JUST WON'T UNDERSTAND IT
NAH-H, SHE DOESN'T GET ANYTHING
LOOK AT HER CRAPPY ATTIRE!
SEE, SHE'S RUNNING AWAY!
Ha ha ha ha ha

Everything was just a dream...
Y-YES...
FIONA, GO TO THE RIVER AND FETCH SOME WATER FOR THE DISHES
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO HURRY UP ALREADY!?
Just a dream...
That night... that time...
And only this dress

The fragrance that remains within my hands..
Erminia-sama..
DASH

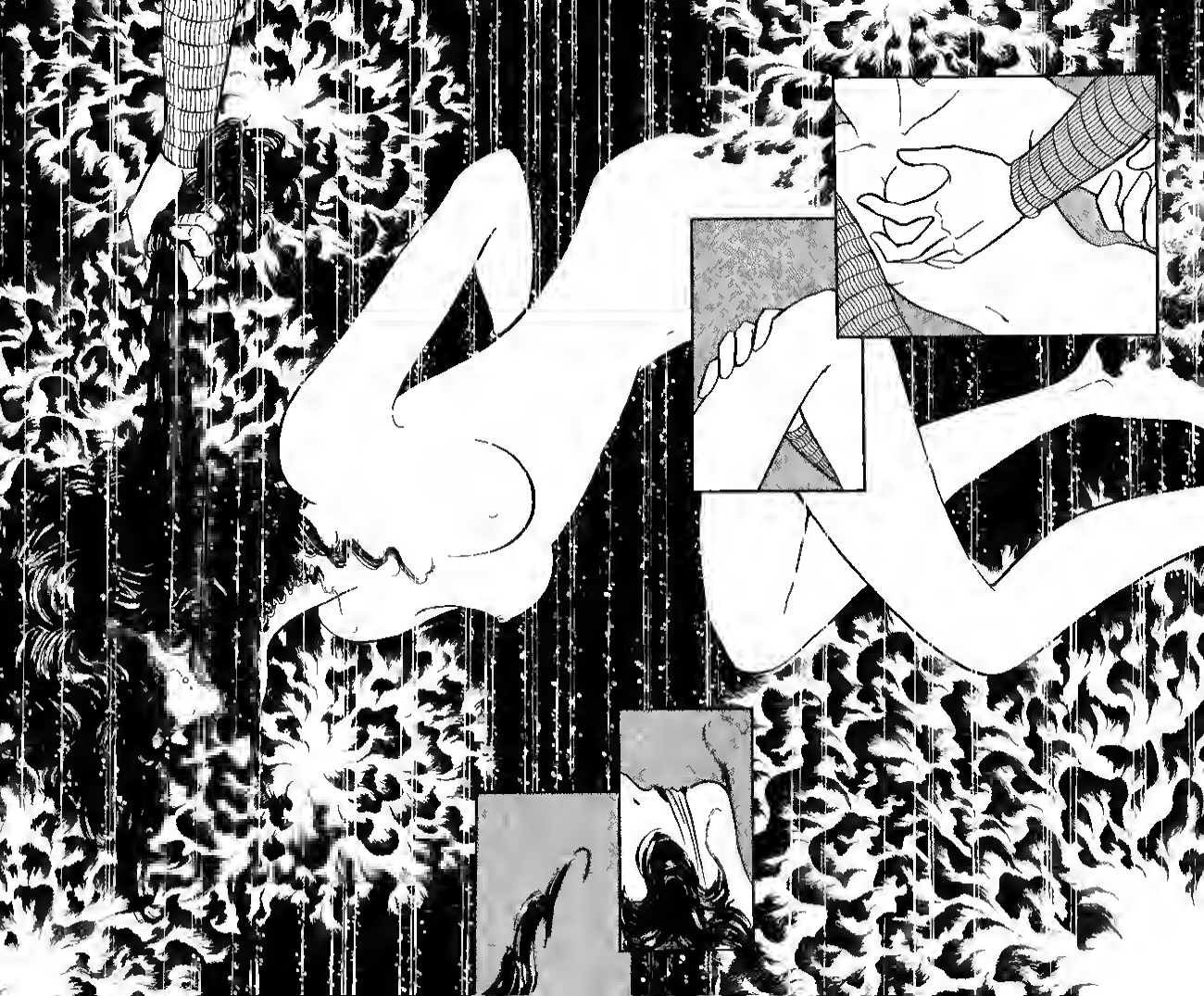
GIRL...
ARE YOU THE KITCHEN MAID, FIONA?
YES...
UM... YOU ARE
SO IT IS YOU
COME WITH US FOR A MOMENT.
KYA!!
DRAG
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SOME-BODY!

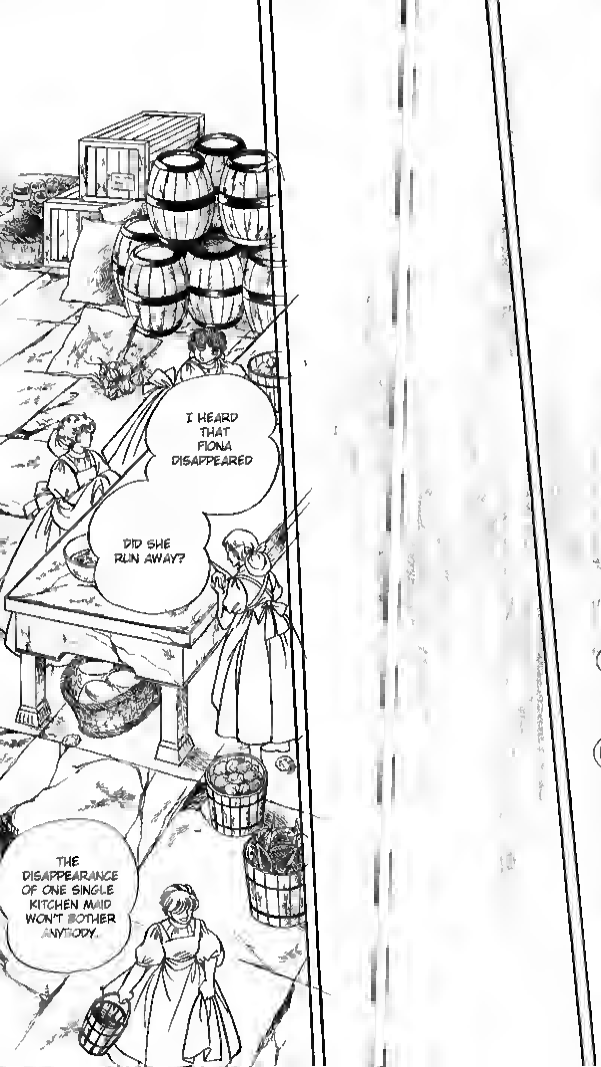
Fossil

TOO BAD. YOUR EXISTENCE IS TROUBLESOME TO US
SHE IS STILL A LITTLE GIRL
WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU CAN NEVER AGAIN SHOW YOUR BODY IN FRONT OF THAT PERSON!
... BUT IF WE JUST KILL YOU HERE... MAYBE THAT PERSON WILL BE PLACED UNDER DISADVANTAGE IN THE END...

Slash
WE WON'T TAKE YOUR LIFE
SWOOSH
YOU CAN EITHER COMMIT SUICIDE BECAUSE OF SHAME OR JUST GET OUT OF PAROS!

OHH...
HEH HEH
Swirl
AHH




I HEARD THAT FIONA DISAPPEARED
DID SHE RUN AWAY?
THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ONE SINGLE KITCHEN MAID WON'T BOTHER ANYBODY.

Fiona
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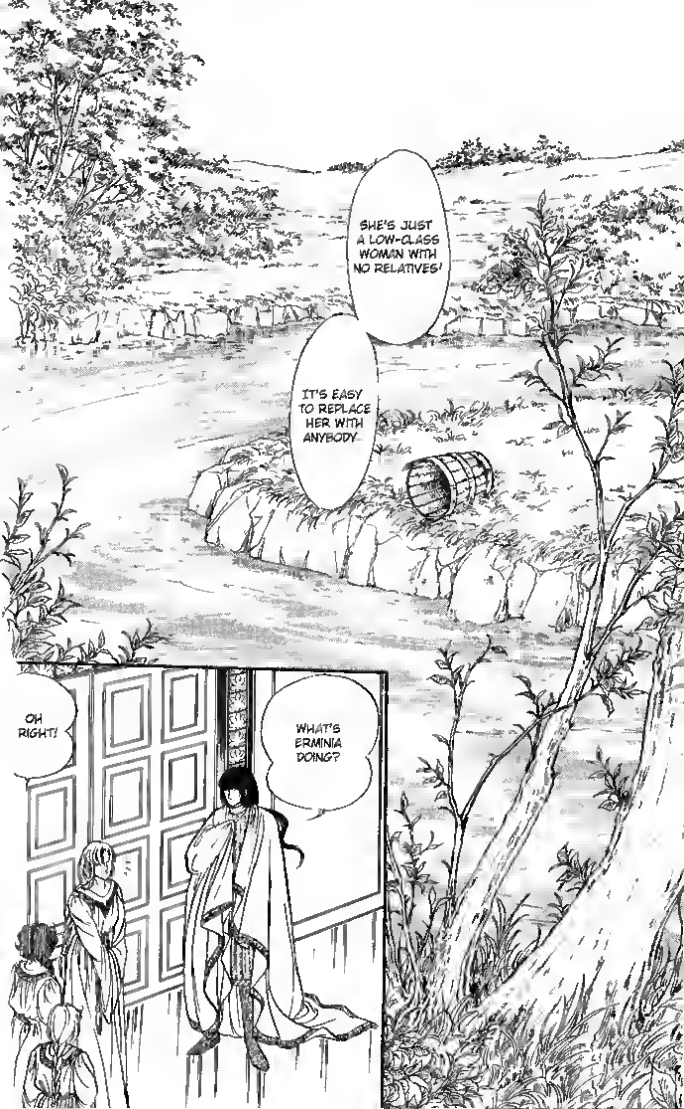
SHE'S JUST A LOW-CLASS WOMAN WITH NO RELATIVES!
IT'S EASY TO REPLACE HER WITH ANYBODY.
WHAT'S ERMINIA DOING?
OH RIGHT!

SHE JUST LOOKS OUT OF THE WINDOW QUIETLY SOMETIMES.
TO OUR OWN SURPRISE, SHE'S BEHAVING QUITE WELL RECENTLY.
I thought she was at least going to do something, but...
...Strange... that meaningful sentence Erminia said last time...
What are you thinking of, Erminia ..?
The time of choosing a groom is near.

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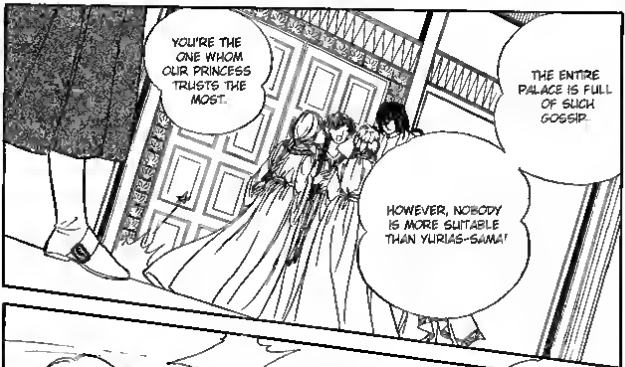
YOU'RE THE ONE WHOM OUR PRINCESS TRUSTS THE MOST.
THE ENTIRE PALACE IS FULL OF SUCH GOSSIP.
HOWEVER, NOBODY IS MORE SUITABLE THAN YURIAS-SAMA!

YOUNG BARON YURIAS. YOU KNOW THAT A MARRIAGE BETWEEN ROYAL FAMILY MEMBERS WILL HELP THE COUNTRY MORE.
NOBODY CAN SUIT ERMINIA BETTER THAN PRINCE OF CALILES!
BARON ALPHONES...
ERMINIA IS THE ONE WHO WILL MAKE THE CHOICE. EVEN IF YOU SAY SUCH THINGS TO ME

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HEY, I JUST SAW A LONG QUEUE OF PEOPLE GOING INTO THE PALACE.
IS IT ABOUT TIME FOR OUR PRINCESS TO CHOOSE A GROOM?
EVEN THE GUARDS WERE TALKING ABOUT WHO'D BE CHOSEN.
I WONDER WHAT TYPE OF DRESS WILL BE MADE FOR PRINCESS ERMINIA.
WITH HER BEAUTY AND APLOMB, IF SHE WEARS A PROPER DRESS—
WE MUST ORDER NEW DRESSES AS WELL
THAT'S RIGHT. EVEN IF WE CAN'T COMPETE WITH THE PRINCESS THERE WILL BE LOTS OF WONDERFUL GENTLEMEN GATHERING.

PLEASE WORK HARD, EVERYONE.
THERE'D ONLY BE ONE CHOSEN BY THE PRINCESS AMONG ALL.
clap clap
THAT'S RIGHT.
WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF NOMINEES TO CHOOSE FROM.
THOSE HIGH-CLASS LADIES AND MISTRESSES ARE SIMPLY ANNOYING.
YET IT SURE IS INTERESTING TO SEE WHO WILL SHE, THE PRINCESS WHO DECLARES THAT SHE'S NOT A WOMAN, CHOOSE IN THE END.
OUR PRINCESS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BEHAVE MORE WOMANLY AFTER HER MARRIAGE
RIGHT, RIGHT. IT MUST HAVE BEEN A VIRGIN'S STUBBORNNESS THAT'S DRIVEN HER 'TIL NOW.
Until the day comes
So Princess is
And so it must be

IT'S THE KITCHEN AHEAD...
YURIAS-SAMA! AT SUCH A PLACE...
I was going to see how Fiona's doing but maybe it doesn't have to be today.
Yurias sama will destroy...
I'M DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE MATTER AS WELL..
SO THE DAY FOR THE PRINCESS TO SELECT A GROOM IS TOMORROW..
Aha--so even Yurias sama is anxious--
AH... NO, I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING AND...

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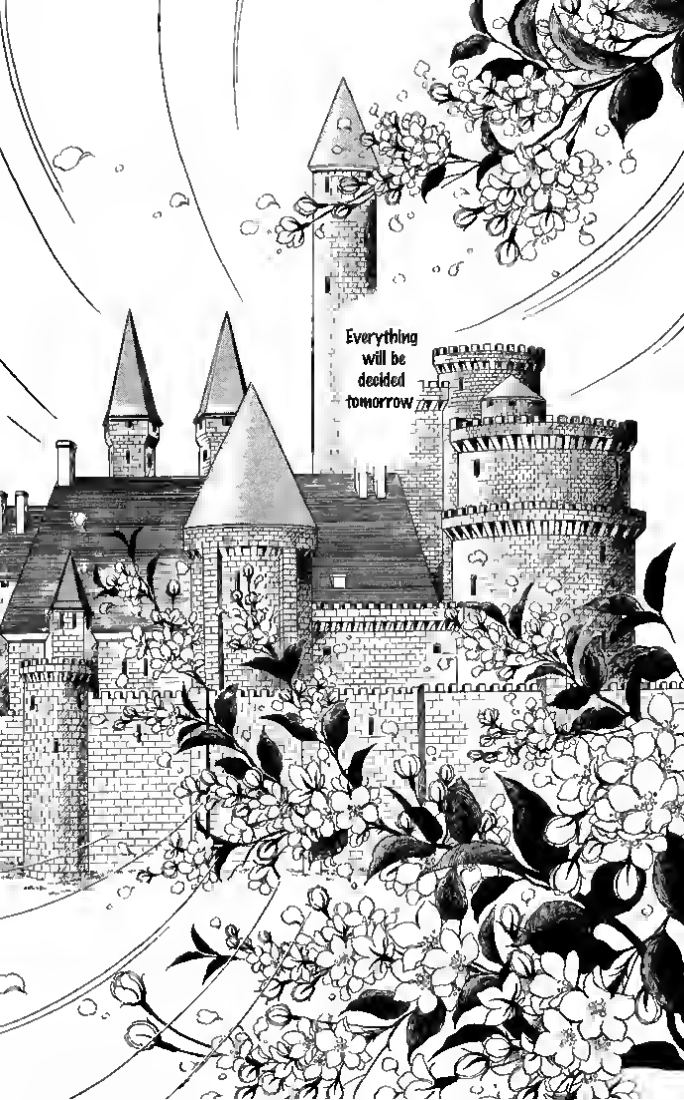
Fiona ...
As long as tomorrow passes safely,
Though we haven't seen each other ever since,
Erminia-sama ...

If God and humans would allow me, I'd reborn as a man and make you mine.
Don't forget Fiona, the oath made by this Erminia...


Everything will be decided tomorrow

PAPAPAPA
ENTRANCE OF THE KING!!

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ERMINIA-SAMA IS NEXT I WONDER HOW SHE WILL LOOK AT THE CEREMONY TODAY
I'M SO EXCITED!
Murmer
Murmer

ENTRANCE OF BARON ALPHONES!

silence

Erminia!?

SHE'LL BE HERE SOON
What is she doing?

Y-YURIAS, DO YOU KNOW?

WHAT'S ERMINIA DOING!?
SLASH

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ERMINIA!

SINCE IT'S AN IMPORTANT OCCASION IT TOOK A BIT LONGER TO GET READY THAN USUAL
I'M LATE. PLEASE EXCUSE ME
DON'T YOU DARE TELL ME THAT YOU'RE HERE TO CHOOSE A BRIDE!
IS THAT WHAT YOU WEAR WHEN YOU'RE CHOOSING A GROOM!?
GRR

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DECISION WHOM TO TAKE YET!?
BOTH THE COUNTRY OF PAROS AND I ARE TIRED WITH YOUR FOOLISH ACTS!
YES

SO ERMINIA, PRINCESS OF PAROS WHO IS THE LUCKY GROOM OF CHOICE?
IF YOU UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING IT'S ALL RIGHT
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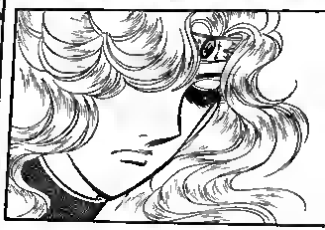
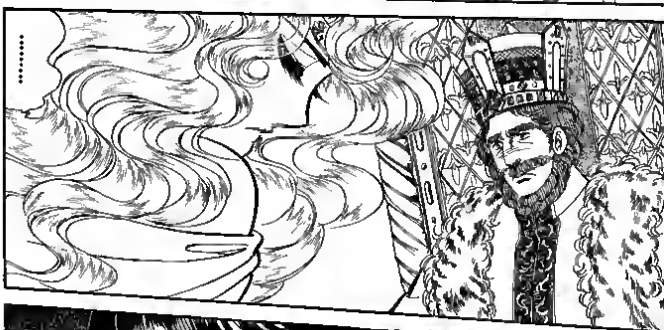
I SEE... FINALLY...
Phew

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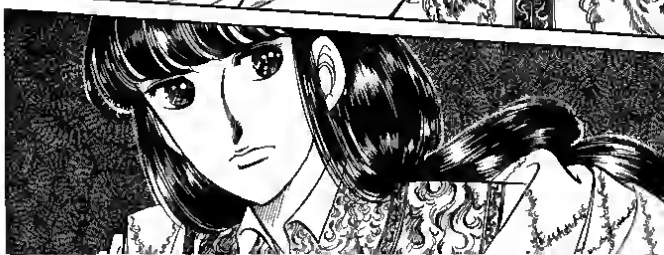

NO
DON'T PLAY WITH ME IS IT YURIAS?
Chatter
Murmur
Murmur
ERMINIA!
DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU'RE AS FOOLISH AS TO CHOOSE A MAN WITH NO TITLE AND WEALTH!
NO
THEN BARON CALVIA?
NO IT'S NOT.
IS IT PRINCE ELMS?

I, PRINCESS ERMINIA'S GROOM OF CHOICE WOULD BE...
I WILL NOT DO SUCH A THING.
SHALL NOT BE DEALT WITH BY ME
THOSE WHO DON'T MEET MY CONDITIONS
IN HIS SWORD HORSE RIDES AND HEART
SOMEONE WHO'S STRONGER AND BETTER THAN ME
SO WHO IS IT YOU SAY?
WELL, THAT'S REASONABLE BUT...

THEREFORE, I'M PUTING MY LIFE INTO THIS ONE FAVOR I'D LIKE TO ASK
ERMINIA HAS MADE UP HER MIND TO GIVE UP ALL HER DREAMS AND OBEY HER FATHER'S ORDERS.
STAND
AND THAT MUST BE DONE WITHIN A FEW DAYS!
I'D LIKE TO HOLD A MARTIAL ARTS CONTEST FOR ALL THOSE WHO SEEK TO BE MY GROOM!
!!

AND HAPPILY BECOME HIS WIFE
NO MATTER WHO IT MIGHT BE THE BRAVE ONE WHO IS ABLE TO SURPASS THIS ERMINIA, I WILL OBEDIENTLY RETURN TO MY WOMANLY SELF,

I will happily
marry the brave
one who surpasses
me in skills.

A MARTIAL ARTS CONTEST?
YES, A MARTIAL ARTS CONTEST.
THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

The winner of the contest will become groom for Princess Erminia ....

As well as the next King of Paros ...

SUCH A HOPELESS ACT.
... GEEZ, IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO GUESS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY NEXT.
HUNDREDS... NO, THOUSANDS OF NOMINEES FOR THE NEXT KING OF PAROS.
... TEN DAYS LATER, AT THE DAY OF YANUS, THIS DOME WILL BE FILLED WITH PEOPLE OF PAROS...
... YOU MUST WIN, YURIAS.
HOW MANY MORE RIVALS DO YOU INTEND TO PREPARE FOR ME?
YES... AND NOMINEES FOR YOUR GROOM AS WELL.

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ERMINIA ...?
AND YOU WILL FIGHT ME IN THE END.
AND I'M GOING TO WIN THIS TIME, TOO.
I'VE NEVER LOST TO YOU BEFORE
I CANNOT GRANT THAT WISH OF YOURS ANY LONGER.
... YOU WANT TO STAY SINGLE FOR YOUR WHOLE LIFE?

I WILL NOT GIVE YOU TO ANY OTHER MAN
AND I WILL NOT LOSE TO YOU AGAIN

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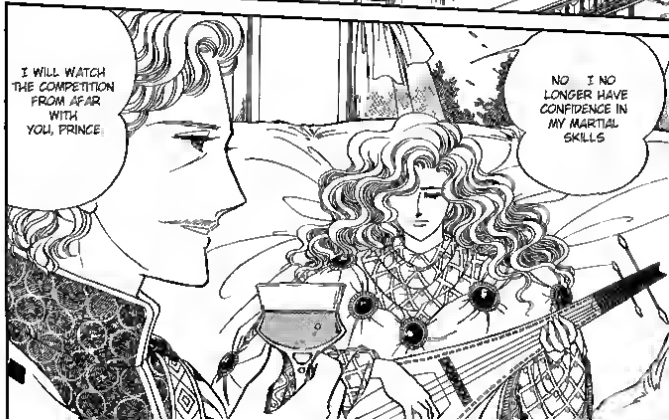
SO I'M ALREADY OFF-LISTED FROM THOSE WHO'D COMPETE FOR THE POSITION OF GROOM
IT CANNOT BE HELPED THAT YOU'VE HURT YOUR FOOT, PRINCE ELMS



COUSINS OF OUR PRINCESS PRINCE ELMS AND BARON CALVIA SEEM TO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONTEST.
whisper
SHH, YOUNG BARON REMLUS IS HERE!
I WONDER WHAT WOULD YOUNG BARON REMLUS DO NOW.
OF COURSE I'LL PARTICIPATE FATHER. HOWEVER...
I CANNOT STAND THAT FACT THAT MANY LOW COMERS ARE GOING TO BE PARTICIPATING.
IT'S RUMORED THAT MANY WANDERERS, WHO KNOW NOTHING BUT HOW TO FIGHT, WILL ALSO BE ALLOWED TO JOIN US.
IT'S NO JOKE THAT WE'LL HAVE TO EXCHANGE SWORDS WITH THOSE!
WELL, WELL REMLUS, CALM DOWN.
THERE'S NO SUCH COMPLAINTS HEARD FROM YOUNG BARON YURIAS YOU KNOW

HE HAS NO PRIDE OF BEING A PART OF THE ROYAL FAMILY!
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S REALLY SLOW!
AHEM, WATCH WHAT YOU SAY, REMLUS!
AH MY. WHAT IF SUCH A PERSON BECOMES THE FUTURE KING...
EVEN IDIOTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT AS LONG AS THEY HAVE THE STRENGTH!
...DID YOU HEAR THAT?
shudder
HOW ABOUT YOU?
I'LL BET A HUNDRED RAN ON YOUNG BARON REMLUS.
YOU'RE BETTING ON YOUNG BARON YURIAS?
YURIAS-SAMA DEFINITELY SUITS OUR PRINCESS THE MOST.
I WILL MAKE A SPECIAL MENU FOR YURIAS-SAMA!
WE MUST HAVE YURIAS-SAMA WIN THIS MATCH!

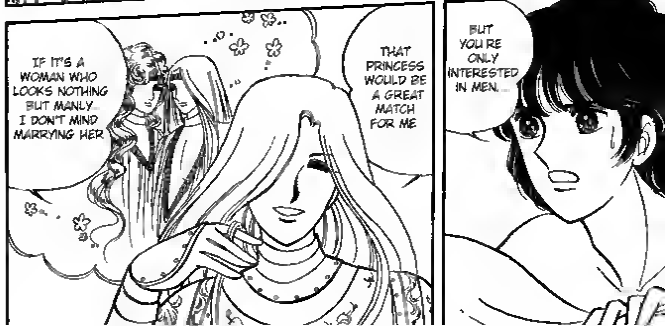
I'M BETTING FIFTY RAN ON CAPTAIN LEES!
TWO HUNDRED RAN ON YOUNG BARON YURIAS!
SHEESH, MEN WHO ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST ARE HOOKED UP ON THEIR BETS.
WHILE GIRLS WHO'VE ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO THE PRINCESS ARE COMPLAINING LIKE NUTS
IF HER HIGHNESS MUST BECOME SOMEONE ELSE'S I'D RATHER CHOKE MYSELF AND DIE
AH MY I TOTALLY AGREE!
ME TOO--

WELL, SHE CALLS HERSELF THE BEST SWORDSMAN IN PAROS
HMM THAT TOMBOY OF A PRINCESS IS THAT STRONG?
OF COURSE! RIGHT?
... YET ALL FOUR OF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING?
WELL, THERE SURE IS SOME VALUE IN THIS CONTEST
MAYBE SOME HIGH-CLASS LADIES WILL BECOME INTERESTED IN US
AS LONG AS SOMEONE PLACES HER EYES ON YOU DURING THE EVENT, YOUR FUTURE GLORY IS AS GOOD AS GUARANTEED
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M PUTTING MY LIFE INTO IT

LET'S DO OUR BEST!
OW!
ME TOO, I'LL SUPPORT YOU ALL FROM THE SHADOW
THOUGH I DON'T THINK YOU'LL WIN... I'LL MAKE A CHEER FLAG FOR YOU!
Swish
Me too! ♡
I WANNA BE THE KING OF PARO ♡
OF COURSE! THERE'S NO OTHER CHANCE THAN THIS
EH-- ALL OF YOU PLUMBERS ARE PARTICIPATING TOO!?

DON'T BE MAD--- I WON'T GO---
I scratch now!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO JOIN THE CONTEST!
YOU'RE MY BOYFRIEND!
BECAUSE I KNOW A SPELL THAT REALLY WORKS WELL
KING OF PARO WILL BE ME

OF COURSE, FOR THE MARTIAL ART EVENT.
HEY---WHY ARE YOU WEARING ARMOR?

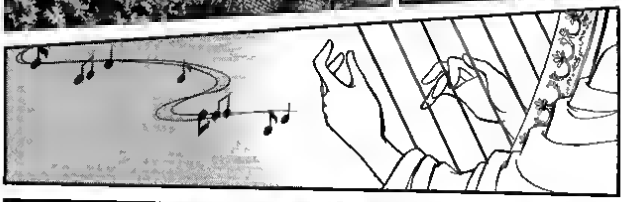

IF IT'S A WOMAN WHO LOOKS NOTHING BUT MANLY... I DON'T MIND MARRYING HER
THAT PRINCESS WOULD BE A GREAT MATCH FOR ME
BUT YOU'RE ONLY INTERESTED IN MEN...

The country of Paro was filled with gossips and excitements.
And so as the main event approaches ...
COMMONERS ARE ALSO ALLOWED TO WATCH THIS EVENT AT YANUS SHRINE.
THE CONTEST WILL HOLD FOR THREE DAYS IN THE FORMAT OF ELIMINATION ROUNDS THE WINNER WILL BE
I HEARD THAT ALL FIVE SONS FROM MINNA FAMILY HAD APPLIED.
FOOD AND DRINKS WILL SELL REALLY WELL DURING THE CONTEST.
GUESS WE CAN EARN SOME GOOD BUCKS THIS TIME.
The number of applications itself had already exceeded thousands ...

I HEARD THAT MANY PEOPLE WERE ELIMINATED QUICKLY IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND
IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT APPLYING RIGHT?
THOSE WHO WERE TOO WEAK OR HAD A REALLY LOW SOCIAL STATUS ANYONE WHO DOESN'T APPEAR AS A SUITABLE CONTESTANT WERE ALL OFF THE LIST, IT SEEMS
EVEN PRINCESS' NONSENSE CAN BE REALLY ENTERTAINING TO US AT TIMES, HUH?
YET THERE ARE STILL SOMEWHAT TWO HUNDRED CONTESTANTS LEFT. THIS IS GOING TO BE A REALLY INTERESTING MATCH
YURIAS IS HAVING EXTRA TRAINING SESSIONS AT HIS COTTAGE

YES... AND IT'S A COMMONLY KNOWN FACT AMONG THE CITIZENS AS WELL
DO YOU KNOW OF THE SWORD OF PAROS BARON DALE?
I SEE, SO HE'S WORKING HARD...
TOMORROW IS THE OPENING CEREMONY
SEEMS LIKE ERMINIA HAS BEEN IN HER ROOM ALL THIS TIME...
I PRAY THAT...
IF ERMINIA IS NEITHER A MAN NOR A WOMAN, THIS COUNTRY WILL EVENTUALLY GO DOWN
ERMINIA WILL PROTECT THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WITH THE MAN WHO WAS CHOSEN AS THE WINNER AT THIS CONTEST
WELL, ERMINIA'S FATE AND FUTURE AS A WOMAN WILL SOON BE DECIDED. THIS CANNOT BE HELPED

The opening ceremony of the martial arts contest is tomorrow...



Oh Moon!

Please protect me...
I was born at a night with your blue-white light shining upon me.
Under your blue light, I'm now your beloved child...
Please look after me with your kindness and quietness..
And pray for me to become the final winner at the final match.

that I will welcome her as my rightful wife and succeed the throne of Paros...
Then I will be able to meet Fiona...
Let her stand beside me as I declare to the entire country of Paros,
I will declare that I'm a man as I cut this hair of mine in front of everyone and use it as a gift for God.

DEAR GOD! PLEASE LOOK AFTER THIS LOVE OF MINE
IF MY LOVE IS REAL, IF YOU UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL...
I will not let anyone sadden this flower of mine.
As my poor little Fiona's knight
I will do as I prayed, throw away my womanly self and become the rightful King of Paros with Fiona's assistance.

WITH THIS SWORD... I WILL BECOME THE WINNER
WILL EVERYTHING GO ACCORDING TO MY WISH!?
The anxiety that resides within my heart!!
Squeeze
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE... THAT I CAN REALLY BECOME THE KING OF PARDS!
This country will...
If any unknown lowlife had won against me in the end...

Is what I'm doing a mistake!?
Am I really the cursed child of evil who'll bring an end to this country?
Or am I the angel who will bring this country to a glorious new era?

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COME OUT NOW OR YOU SHALL BE SLAYED!
WHO'S THERE!
HOLD ON ERMINIA.
Shake
WAIT!
AH MY...
MY LORD HOW DANGEROUS — CAN'T THINK YOU'RE A WOMAN AT ALL

EVEN IF YOU DON'T THINK OF ME AS A WOMAN, HOW DARE YOU SNEAK INTO THE PALACE OF PRINCESS AT MIDNIGHT!
HOW RARE, UNCLE ALPHONES
WHAT WIND HAS BROUGHT YOU HERE THEN?
Click
Hmph
I'M NOT HERE TO HARM YOU IN ANY WAY.
W-WELL, PUT DOWN THAT SWORD
I WANT TO HEAR THE TRUTH. ARE YOU REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT SELECTING THE STRONGEST MAN AS YOUR GROOM? I DON'T THINK SO
IT'S ABOUT THE CONTEST THAT'LL START TOMORROW

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S PROVOKING OTHERS!
I DIDN'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING YET!
HEEAA
ISN'T YOUR MOTIVES TO WIN BY YOURSELF, THUS ERASING THIS TALK ABOUT GROOMS?
I understand everything
I DON'T HAVE A HEART THAT'S AS TAINTED AS YOURS, UNCLE.
HOW RUDE OF YOU TO CALL IT AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE.
I DIDN'T COME TO ARGUE WITH YOU. I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
W-WELL
COUGH
.....

I WANT YOU TO WIN THIS CONTEST. OR SHOULD I SAY, IF YOU DON'T WIN I'LL BE IN TROUBLE.
LET'S WORK TOGETHER, ERMINIA!
...
EVEN IF IT'S YOU, I CANNOT BE COMPLETELY CONFIDENT THAT YOU'LL WIN
PAROS IS BIG, THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY TALENTED SWORDSMEN GATHERING THIS TIME
.....
I know all this even if you don't tell me!
YOU DON'T WANT TO GET MARRIED NO MATTER WHAT, CORRECT? THEN WORK WITH ME.
I WILL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO MAKE YOU THE WINNER, NO MATTER WHAT METHOD I'D HAVE TO USE IN THE END.

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... AND WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO TO UNCLE?
EVEN IF I STAY SINGLE, I WILL NEVER MARRY PRINCE OF CAULES.
I'M ONLY AGAINST YOU MARRYING A MAN FROM PAROS, THAT'S WHY I'M HELPING YOU.
AFTER THE CONTEST, WE'LL BE ENEMIES ONCE AGAIN LIKE BEFORE.
YOU TRAITOR!
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF WORKING WITH YOU!
IF YOU STAY HERE FOR ONE MORE MINUTE I'LL CALL OUT! GO BACK TO SLEEP AND THROW AWAY YOUR MEANINGLESS PLANS!
I WILL WITHDRAW FOR NOW. HOWEVER, I'M NOT GIVING UP MY OFFER UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF CONTEST, ERMINIA
THINK OF ME AS A USEFUL TOOL. THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW.
Step

Such a dirty man even if he's my uncle!
What can happen anyway even if I borrow his help?
What can !

ARE THE DOCTORS READY?
YES
THE HORSES ARE READY TOO GOOD
THE CITIZENS HAVE BEEN LINING UP EVER SINCE LAST NIGHT
OPEN THE WAY AFTER YOU FINISH COUNTING THE PARTICIPANTS
MAKE SURE THAT ALL ROYAL FAMILY MEMBERS ARE SEATED WELL BEFORE WE WELCOME THE KING
HALF AMONG THE TWO HUNDRED CONTESTANTS SHALL BE ELIMINATED TODAY

PLEASE DO NOT LOSE YOUR DRAW NUMBER AT ALL COSTS
EVERYONE WILL BE CALLED BASED ON THEIR DRAW NUMBERS FROM THIS POINT ON.
YOU MUST NOT HAVE YOUR HEAD GEAR REMOVED AT ALL TIMES.
YOUNG BARON YURI IS AND YOUNG BARN REMLUS ARE AMONG THEM TOO, RIGHT?
SO NOBODY'S TRUE IDENTIFY IS REVEALED UNTIL THE LAST MATCH.
IT'S HARD TO TELL A ROYAL FAMILY MEMBER FROM YOUR OWN SON

CHEER
CHEER
CHEER
THE CONTESTANTS ARE ENTERING. HOW BORING. WE CAN'T EVEN SEE THEIR FACES.
OH, STRENGTH IS NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN TELL FROM ONE'S LOOK.
BUT... I WON'T ACCEPT IT IF THE FUTURE KING OF PARO IS A MONSTER-LIKE MAN
THERE'S NO WAY ERMINIA-SAMA WILL LOSE IN THE END
I SOMEHOW HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS CONTEST, THOUGH.
THAT'S WHY YURIAS-SAMA MUST WIN!
PARO
SHH, THE KING IS HERE
PRINCESS IS HERE ALSO

Is that what a woman does!? Erminia, you'll no longer be able to behave that way once your groom is chosen!

THIS CONTEST IS HELD IN ORDER TO SELECT A GROOM FOR PRINCESS ERMINIA
NO MATTER WHO IT MIGHT BE THE ROYAL PALACE WILL WELCOME THE FINAL WINNER AS ONE OF US AND THE FIANCE OF PRINCESS.
HOWEVER, THE WINNER MUST WIN AGAINST ERMINIA AT THE LAST MATCH BEFORE THE PRIZE CAN BE CLAIMED.
SINCE OUR PRINCESS OF PAROS DOES NOW ACCEPT A MAN WEAKER THAN HERSELF
HAIL TO THE ALMIGHTY KING!
ERMINIA! ERMINIA!
HAIL TO THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF PAROS!!

YURIAS WILL WIN
PRINCESS ARE YOU HEADING BACK ALREADY?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WATCH YURIAS-SAMA'S FIGHT?
IT WAS FROM AN AMBASSADOR DISPATCHED BY YURIAS-SAMA.
WE'VE PLACED IT IN YOUR ROOM.
A GIFT?
ALL RIGHT! THEN WOULD THAT GIFT BE A PRE-CELEBRATION PRESENT?
KYU
KYU

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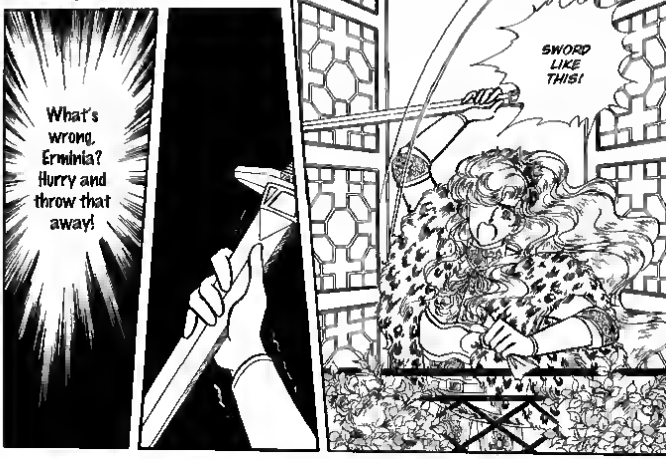
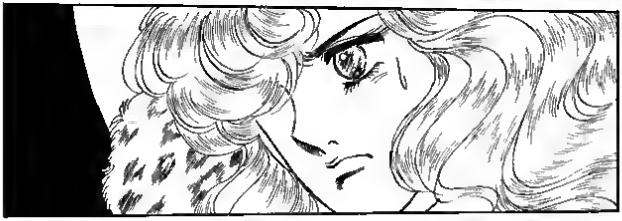
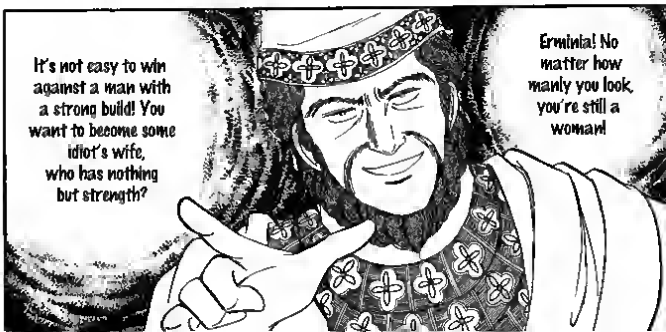
A sword!?
WHAT CAN IT BE...
?
FROM YURIAS TO ME ?
Erminie,
If I give this to you on my own, I doube you'lleven look at it. But if I use Yurias' name, you'll definitely open it. Well? Did I hit bull's eye this time?
IT'S FROM UNCLE!

You don't have to use it in the beginning, only when you think you might lose.
Poison has been engraved into this sword.
A little cut by it can freeze all of your opponent's movements.
Drop your sword and ask for a change of weapon. Nobody will know.
UNCLE... SUCH DIRTY TRICKS ISN'T IT SO LIKE YOU!
We're only trying to be secure. Take this sword, Erminia. Now you will win for sure.


What's wrong, Erminia? Hurry and throw that away!
SWORD LIKE THIS!

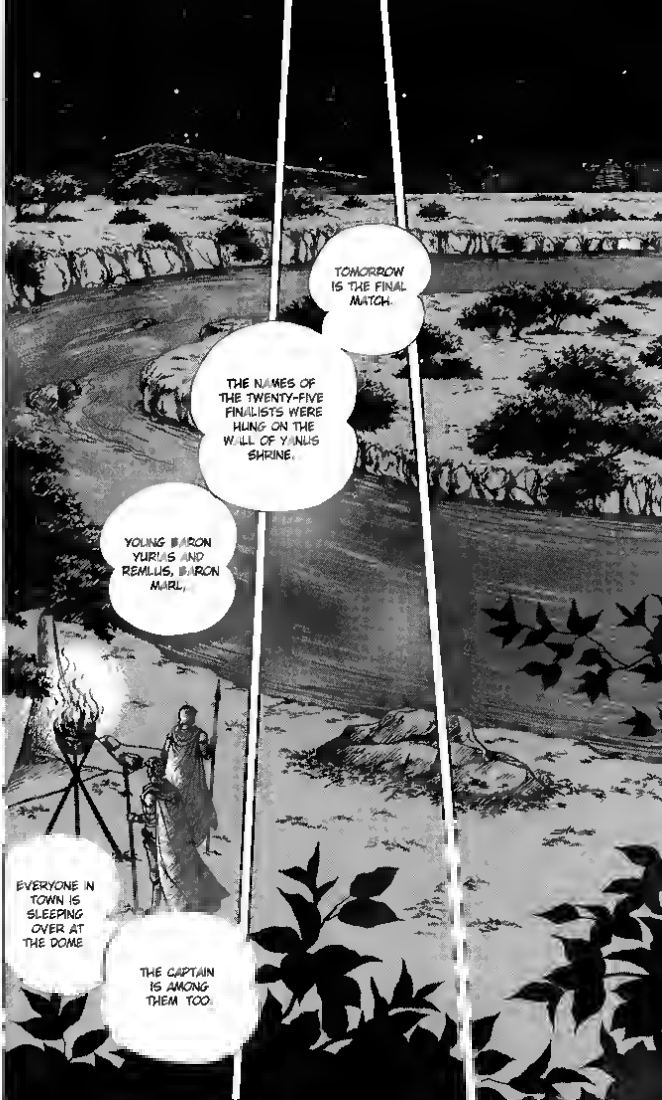



It's not easy to win against a man with a strong build! You want to become some idiot's wife, who has nothing but strength?
Erminia! No matter how manly you look, you're still a woman!

Gasp
Fiona ! For you,
I must win for your sake!
I must win at all costs.
.....

I laugh at me... I just want you..! I just..
Fiona forgive me, and look down on me!
Uncle you can laugh at me too! Now I'm a part of the dirty allies!

HO YOU CAN TELL?
...THE ONE WHO JUST WON IS YURIAS.
OF COURSE I KNOW HIS HABITS WELL
Yurias ! Keep it up! So I won't have to use that sword !
I know you can do it for sure!
I know I won't have to use that sword!


TOMORROW IS THE FINAL MATCH.
THE NAMES OF THE TWENTY-FIVE FINALISTS WERE HUNG ON THE WALL OF YANUS SHRINE.
YOUNG BARON YURIUS AND REMILUS, BARON MARL,
EVERYONE IN TOWN IS SLEEPING OVER AT THE DOME.
THE CAPTAIN IS AMONG THEM TOO.

RIGHT... THE DAY KING OF PARO WILL BE BORN.
... IT'S ALMOST DAWN.
DON'T YOU THINK SO TO..?
I WISH I WAS IN THE DOME MYSELF WATCHING THE CONTEST INSTEAD OF HAVING TO GUARD THE WEST BOARDER OF THE COUNTRY
IT'S THE ENEMY!
DONG

SLASH
NOW THE TOWN OF PARO HAS TO BE EMPTY.
Heh heh heh

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